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National Library Week

National Library Week will be celebrated April 18 – 25; the week highlights the many roles libraries play: to educate, to inform, and to entertain. Check the calendar of events in this issue of *Books & Beyond* for classes, concerts and programs during National Library Week, as well as the rest of March and April.

The Morton Grove Public Library provides a wide variety of services throughout the year. Listed below are statistics from 2003 that tell about some of the services provided by your Library:

Website hits: 1,115,140
Items checked out: 252,000
Collection size: 132,300
Periodical subscriptions: 390
Reference questions: 22,000
Program attendance: 12,125
Programs: 495
Internet Computer Sign-ups: 8500

Irish Heritage Singers

Sunday, March 21, 2 pm

The Irish Heritage Singers are a mixed choral group performing a wide variety of secular and sacred works from Irish culture.

Concert: *In Full Swing*

Sunday, March 14, 2 pm

Ron Surace directs the big band sound of In Full Swing, formerly known as the Morton Grove Park District Community Jazz Band. Join us for an afternoon of music that will set your toes to tapping. Seating is limited and will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Doors open at 1 pm.

Variety Music: Frank K and Company Trio

Sunday, April 18, 2 pm

You'll hear songs such as *Sentimental Journey, Putting on the Ritz, Fly Me to the Moon,* and many more popular tunes at this concert by the Frank K and Company Trio, with Frank on keyboard and accordion; Stan on violin, sax and clarinet; and Fran as vocalist and on drums.

Green Eggs and Ham and Other Stories

Saturday, March 6, 2 pm

Celebrate the 100th birthday of Dr. Seuss! A musical version of *Green Eggs and Ham and Other Stories* will be presented by the Emerald City Theatre Company. This inventive and fun production includes costumed actors and the ultimate in audience participation: the creation of their own romping, rhyming, sense-defying Seuss-like story. Registration is required. Call 847-965-4220 or stop by the Youth Services Desk.

Computer Classes

Introduction to the Internet: A Class in Four Parts

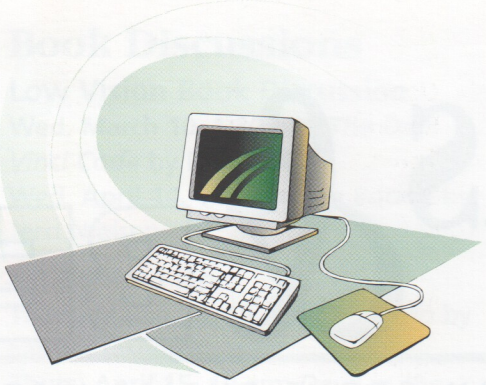
Susan McGowan, MGPL Reference Coordinator will present three classes:

Saturday, March 13, 1 pm
This lecture/demonstration will cover a brief history of the Internet, basic terminology, and information on how to choose an Internet service provider.

Saturday, March 20, 1 pm
The second presentation will focus on the scope of information available on the Internet, as well as search techniques.

Saturday, March 27, 1 pm
The third session will show how to use the many features of the Library's website, www.webrary.org, such as how to use the catalog, sign up for online book clubs, use databases, and more.

Registration is required and applies to all three sessions; no separate registration will be taken for the second and third sessions. Please call 847-965-4220 or stop by the Reference Services Desk to register for the classes.



Tutorials: In April, one-on-one, hands-on tutorials with a member of the Library's Reference staff are available to Morton Grove cardholders who have attended the first three sessions.

Introduction to Word: A Class in Two Parts

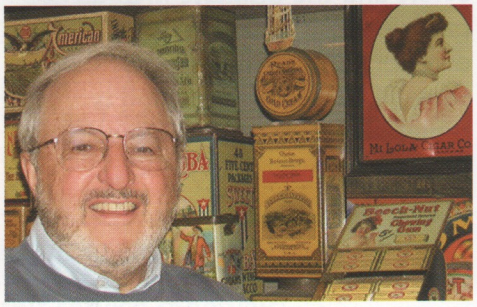
Thursday, April 1, at 7 pm
Thursday, April 8, at 7 pm
Jennifer Didier of Directions Training will present a lecture/demonstration introducing the basics of Microsoft Word, including how to enter text, use the *file* and *save* commands, navigate in a document, edit and format a document, set tabs, insert tables, and more. Registration is required and applies to both sessions; no separate registration will be taken for the second session. Please call 847-965-4220 or sign up at the Reference Services Desk.

How to Set Up (and Use) a Free Email Account

Wednesday, April 21, 9 – 10:30 am
Saturday, April 24, 9 – 10:30 am
Wednesday, April 28, 9 – 10:30 am
Saturday, May 1, 9 – 10:30 am
Sign up now for one of four sessions of hands-on demonstrations using the Library's Internet stations, where you will learn how to open a free e-mail account using *Yahoo!* and how to send and receive messages. Registration is limited to Morton Grove residents with a valid Library card. Four individuals may register per session. Pre-requisite: basic knowledge of computer use and the Internet. Call 847-965-4220 to register.

Are There Antique Advertising Treasures in Your Attic?

Saturday, April 24, 2 pm



David Hirsch, an expert on many forms of antique and popular advertising, will be exhibiting some of his own collection in the Library's Lincoln Avenue entry during the month of April and, Saturday, April 24, he will discuss classic examples of advertising products, such as signs, bottles, tins and other containers. Mr. Hirsch will appraise a limited number of antique advertising items brought to the presentation. Limit: one portable item per person. Registration is required; call 847-965-4220 or stop by the Reference Services Desk.

Beginning Genealogy: How to Get Started

Saturday, April 10, 10 am
If you would like to research your family's history but are unsure of where to start and what to look for, this class is for you! Colleen Ringel, Reference Librarian at MGPL and an expert on genealogical research, will explain the first steps in climbing your family tree. You will learn about pedigree charts, family group sheets, and where to begin researching for vital records of your ancestors. Registration is required; please call 847-965-4220 or stop by the Reference Services Desk.

Using Genealogical Resources at MGPL and Other Chicago Area Libraries, Archives, and Repositories

Saturday, April 17, 10 am
There is a wealth of genealogical information at your fingertips *if* you know where and how to look for it. Colleen Ringel, MGPL Reference Librarian and an expert on genealogical research, will present tips on where to search at the Morton Grove Library, as well as at other area libraries and archival collections. Registration is required; please call 847-965-4220 or stop by the Reference Services Desk.

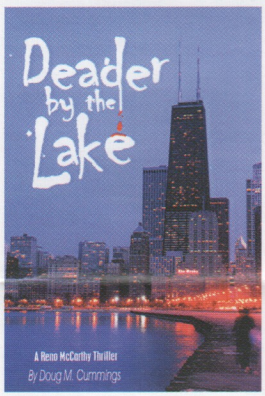
Wired The Teen Corner

Anime Club

Teens in grades 9 – 12 are invited to join the Library's new Anime Club. The Club meets on the first Monday of every month (except September) to watch and discuss selected anime/manga films. For further information, call Melissa Rice, Teen Librarian, at 847-965-4220. March 1, at 7 pm, the film will be *Last Exile: First Move* (Volume 1, NR/100 minutes) and on April 5, at 7 pm, the Club will view *Witch Hunter Robin: Arrival* (Volume 1, NR/125 minutes).

Meet the Author of *Deader by the Lake:* Doug Cummings

Sunday, March 7, 2 pm



The realism of *Deader by the Lake* is reflective of Cummings' life experiences working the streets of Chicago, first as a deputy sheriff and security consultant and now as an award-winning crime reporter for WGN radio. Meet the author in person and learn how he wrote his new mystery thriller.

Mars Exploration Rovers: Spirit and Opportunity

Thursday, March 11, 7 pm

John Vittallo, a NASA Ambassador, will discuss the exciting recent findings of the two Mars rovers. Scientists hope to confirm the presence of water on the planet, which could indicate whether or not life ever existed on Mars.

Lego Party

Monday, March 22, Drop in 6-8 pm

Explore your imagination! Come and build a Lego tower or whatever you like with 300,000 Lego bricks and pieces. Beth Weis, the Lego Lady, is the hostess of this party.

Refreshments will be served. Each participant will receive a Lego keychain as a souvenir. No registration necessary.

Battle of the Books

The Battle of the Books for grades 7-8 begins in March. Dates of meets and scores are posted outside the Baxter Room. Call the Youth Services Department 847-965-4220 or stop by the Youth Services Desk for more details.

Congratulations to the Jerusalem Lutheran Eagles who won the Battle of the Books for grades 4 – 6, in December.

Next fall, your school can compete: check the Library's website for next year's titles and start reading! (www.webrary.org/kids/jreadingprog.html)

Trivia Contest

April 19 – 23

Stop by the Youth Services Department anytime during National Library Week for fun-filled reading activities and great prizes. Drop-in; no registration required.

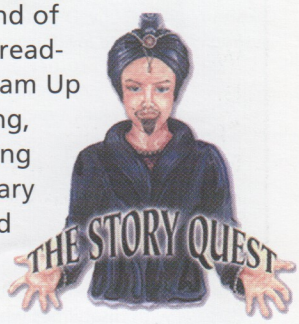
Mad Hatters

Saturday, March 20, 10:30 am

The Junior League of Chicago presents the Mad Hatters, who encourage children to enjoy reading through stories, songs and wacky hats. Audience participation doubles the fun. No registration necessary.

The Story Quest at MGPL

Saturday April 17, 2 pm



Celebrate the end of our school year reading program, Team Up for Good Reading, and the beginning of National Library Week. Come and meet Kazaar, the royal storyteller to the Sultan. The ruler is so fond of Kazaar that there will be a great celebration in honor of his 1000th story. But Kazaar has run out of stories! If he doesn't come up with a new story before the Sultan's feast, he will end up in the dungeon. Only with audience help can he create his greatest story; so begins Story Quest – a giant puppet production by Madcap Puppets. Registration begins Monday, March 29; call 847-965-4220 or stop by the Youth Services Desk.

Readers Theater for Grades 2-6

Children rehearse reading parts based on a picture book and then read the play for an audience. Registration is limited, call 847-965-4220 or stop by the Youth Services Desk

Monday, March 8: *Master Man: A Tall Tale of Nigeria*
Rehearsal at 3:30;
Performance 4:30 – 4:40

Monday, April 12: *Wait No Paint!*
Rehearsal 3:30;
Performance 4:30 – 4:40

Register now by calling 847-965-4220 or stop by the Youth Services Desk.

NEW: Saturday Wee Read

March 27 and April 24 , 11 am

Working parents: Are you looking for a Saturday activity for your baby? Dads: why not give Mom a break and spend quality time alone with your "pride and joy." Introducing **Saturday Morning Wee Read** at 11 am on March 27 and April 24. Infants from birth to 24 months and their caregivers can share songs, stories and playtime. No registration necessary.

Meet the Author: Elana Ashley

Tuesday April 20, 7 pm

Join us for a delightful dramatic reading. Watch and listen as Dr. Ashley reads her new children's book, *Splunkunio Splunky Detective and Peacemaker Case One: The Missing Friendship Bracelet.* Meet a surprise visitor! Registration begins Monday, March 29; call 847-965-4220 or stop by the Youth Services Desk.

Parenting Collection Debuts in the Youth Services Department!

The YS Department's new Parenting Collection includes materials to help parents and caregivers meet the ever-changing challenges of child-rearing. Parents and caregivers may browse materials while their children enjoy the friendly confines of the Youth Services Department. Parenting books concentrating on issues from birth to preschool are available, as well as picture books to read to children on sensitive subjects, such as a new baby, divorce, adoption, death, Alzheimer's Disease, handicaps and potty training.

Crafts

Children of all ages may drop by between 2 and 5 pm to make a craft, while supplies last. Parental supervision required for children under age 8.

Wednesday, March 10, 2 – 5 pm: St. Patrick's Day

Wednesday, March 24, 2 – 5 pm: Spring

Wednesday, April 7, 2 – 5 pm: Easter

Wednesday, April 21, 2 – 5 pm: Spring

Say Olé!

Saturday, May 1, 2 pm.

In celebration of "Cinco de Mayo," Kay Weeden will present an interactive program of story, song and dance presented in Spanish and English. Registration begins Monday, April 12; call 847-965-4220 or stop by theYouth Services Desk.

Calling All Artists!

Entries will be accepted through Saturday, May 1, for the Library's 31st Annual Children's Art Contest. Area residents, pre-school through grade 6, may submit original art (any flat medium) on unlined paper. Winning entries will be exhibited in the east stairwell until June 2005. Additional information is available in the Youth Services Department.

CALENDAR

Webster is the Youth Services' mascot! Webster appears on the Kids' webrary and in other Library publications.

Children's Classes

The Spring Session runs from March 15 to May 7. There are still openings for spring classes; please call for availability.

Library Playtime

for 2-Year-Olds & Parents or Caregivers

Thursday 10:30 am

Class limit – 12 children, 12 parents

Preschool Storytime

Please choose one of the following times for ages 3 – Kindergarten (please, no underage siblings):

Wednesday 10 am

Thursday 6:45 pm

Class limit – 30

Stories & Stuff

Tuesday 7 pm

Grades 1 – 2

Class limit – 12

Calendar of Special Events

3/6	Sat.	2 pm	*Green Eggs & Ham**
3/8	Mon.	3:30 pm	Readers Theater: *Master Man**
3/10	Wed.	2 – 5 pm	St. Patrick's Day Craft: drop-in
3/20	Sat.	10:30 am	Mad Hatters
3/22	Mon.	6 – 8 pm	Lego Party
3/24	Wed.	2 – 5 pm	Spring Craft: drop-in
4/7	Wed.	2 – 5 pm	Easter Craft: drop-in
4/12	Mon.	3:30 pm	Readers Theater: *Wait No Paint!**
4/17	Sat.	2 pm	Story Quest*
4/19 – 23			Trivia Contest
4/20	Tues.	7 pm	Meet Elana Ashley
4/21	Wed.	2 – 5 pm	Spring Craft: drop-in

**registration required*

The following activities require no advance registration and are held every week.

Tuesdays at 10 am: ReadToMe! – Volunteer Grandmas share stories and rhymes with preschoolers and their caregivers.

Fridays at 11 am: Wee Read Lapsit Program for ages 0 – 24 months. Hear songs, stories and enjoy playtime!

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CALENDAR

Every Tuesday at 11:30 *Movies, Munchies & More!*

March

3/1	Mon.	7 pm	Anime Club
3/7	Sun.	2 pm	Meet the Author of *Deader by the Lake:* Doug Cummings
3/10	Wed.	1:30 pm	Low Vision Book Discussion of *The Da Vinci Code* by Dan Brown
3/11	Thurs.	7 pm	*Mars Exploration Rovers: Spirit and Opportunity* presented by John Vittallo
3/11	Thurs.	7:45 pm	Library Board Meeting
3/13	Sat.	1 pm	*Introduction to the Internet, Part 1:* registration required
3/14	Sun.	2 pm	*In Full Swing* Concert first come, first served
3/16	Tues.	11:30 am	Don Angelo portrays Dean Martin and George Burns at *Movies, Munchies & More*
3/18	Thurs.	10 am	All Booked Up Discussion of *Caramelo* by Sandra Cisneros
3/18	Thurs.	2 & 7 pm	Feature Film
3/20	Sat.	1 pm	*Introduction to the Internet, Part 2:* registration required
3/21	Sun.	2 pm	Concert: *Irish Heritage Singers:* first come, first served
3/23	Tues.	7:30 pm	Thinking Out Loud Discussion of *Seabiscuit* by Laura Hillenbrand
3/25	Thurs.	7 pm	*Cooking for 1 or 2:* reg req'd
3/27	Sat.	1 pm	*Introduction to the Internet, part 3: Using Webrary:* reg req'd
3/28	Sun.	2 pm	Family Film
3/30	Tues.	11:30 am	Nancy Wise discusses *What Is E-85?* at *Movies, Munchies & More*

April

4/1	Thurs.	7 pm	*Introduction to Word: Part 1 of 2:* registration required
4/5	Mon.	7 pm	Anime Club
4/8	Thurs.	7 pm	*Introduction to Word, Part 2 of 2:* registration required
4/8	Thurs.	7:45 pm	Library Board Meeting
4/10	Sat.	10 am	*Beginning Genealogy: How to Get Started:* registration req'd
4/11			**CLOSED for Easter Sunday**
4/14	Wed.	1:30 pm	Low Vision Book Discussion of *Ice Bound* by Jerri Nielsen
4/15	Thurs.	10 am	All Booked Up Discussion of *Devil in the City:* by Erik Larson
4/15	Thurs.	2 & 7	Feature Film
4/17	Sat.	10 am	*Using Genealogy Resources at MGPL and Other Chicago Area Libraries, Archives, and Repositories:* registration required
4/18 - 4/25			**Celebrate National Library Week @ Your Library**
4/18	Sun.	2 pm	*Variety Music by Frank K and Co. Trio:* first come, first served
\4/21	Wed.	9 am	*How to Set Up a Free Email Account:* registration required
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4/27	Tues.	7:30 pm	Thinking Out Loud Discussion of *The Secret Life of Bees* by Sue Monk Kidd
4/28	Wed.	9 am	*How to Set Up a Free Email Account:* reg. req.

Check out our complete calendar on the Web at www.webrary.org/inside/calcurr.html

FEATURE FILMS

Under the Tuscan Sun
Rated PG – 13, 113 minutes
Thursday, March 18, 2 & 7 pm
Diane Lane stars as Frances, a depressed and disillusioned divorcée, in the film version of Frances Mayes' memoir, *Under the Tuscan Sun*. In the film, Frances goes on a tour of Italy and impulsively buys a rundown villa. In restoring her new home, Frances finds the fulfillment she was seeking.

Lost in Translation
Rated R, 102 minutes
Thursday, April 15, 2 & 7 pm
In a Tokyo hotel, Bob Harris, a middle-aged actor (Bill Murray), meets Charlotte (Scarlett Johansson), a young newlywed, whose husband is on a photo shoot. Both Bob and Charlotte are alone in Japan and don't speak the language, which contributes to some hilarious encounters. The two lonely Americans unexpectedly become close friends and soul mates.

FAMILY FILMS

Winged Migration
Rated G, 85 minutes
Sunday, March 28, 2:00 pm
Get a bird's-eye view of migration! The makers of this award-winning documentary used planes, gliders, helicopters, and hot-air balloons to film migrating birds in forty countries.

Secondhand Lions
Rated PG, 111 minutes
Sunday, April 25, 2 pm
Fourteen-year-old Walter (Haley Joel Osment) is left for the summer with his two cranky and quirky uncles, Hub and Garth McCann, played by Robert Duvall and Michael Caine. Walter comes to understand their eccentricities, and learns that life is full of surprises, including unhappy endings and unpleasant truths.

ANIME FILMS

Last Exile: First Move **(Volume 1)**
NR/100 minutes
Monday, March 1, 7 pm
Director Koichi Chigira's new adventure takes place in a futuristic world where the skies are populated by technologically advanced 1940s-style fighter planes. Claus and Lavie are civilian pilots who have just accepted a mission to take a mysterious girl to the battleship *Silvana*. Soon, the two find themselves in the middle of a war.

Witch Hunter Robin: Arrival (Volume 1)
NR/125 minutes
Monday, April 5, 7:00 pm
Sixteen-year-old Robin Sana returns to Japan to join a secret organization (which includes a hacker, a rookie, a psychic and a spoiled young woman) that captures wayward witches.

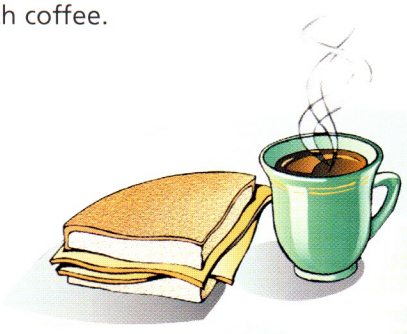
Movies, Munchies and More!

Every Tuesday at 11:30 am, one or two films are shown in the Baxter Room. Topics range from documentaries to travelogues; biographies to comedians' performances. In March, two special programs are scheduled:

March 16, Don Angelo will portray Dean Martin and George Burns.

March 30, Nancy Wise will discuss What is E –85?

You can bring your lunch or just join us for sweet treats served with coffee.



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HOURS

Monday - Thursday 9 - 9
Friday 9 - 6
Saturday 9 - 5
Sunday 1 - 5, 9/8 through 5/19
Closed Sundays 5/26 through 9/1

Book Discussions

Low Vision Book Discussion

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All Booked Up

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Thurs. April 15, 10 am: *Devil in the White City: Murder, Magic and Madness at the Fair That Changed America* by Erik Larson

Thinking Out Loud

Tues. March 23, 7:30 pm: *Seabiscuit* by Laura Hillenbrand
Tues. April 27, 7:30 pm: *The Secret Life of Bees* by Sue Monk Kidd

Exhibits at the Library

March

Baxter Room: Mary Sass exhibits original paintings
Lincoln Avenue entry: the Center of Concern informational display

April

Baxter Room: Photos of Cuba by Phyllis Gottleib
Lincoln Avenue entry: Antique Advertising Treasures collected by David Hirsch

LearnATest

Relieve your test anxiety by logging on to the LearnATest online test preparation system in the Library, or at home (for Morton Grove cardholders). LearnATest will keep track of your progress as you use the study guides. Try some practice tests for any of more than 80 standard tests:

- Children: 4th and 8th grade achievement tests.
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